# Age

## **Toothpaste**

- · Encourage parents and caregivers to take an active role in brushing their children's teeth once the first tooth erupts
- · Educate parents and caregivers on proper fluoride toothpaste use
- · Brush children's teeth with fluoride toothpaste twice daily
- · Use a smear of fluoride toothpaste

### Children Under 2 Years



 Encourage parents and caregivers to take an active role in brushing their children's teeth · Educate parents and caregivers on

Children 2-6 Years

- proper fluoride toothpaste use
- · Brush children's teeth with fluoride toothpaste, or assist children with toothbrushing, twice a day
- · Use no more than a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste



· Do not rinse after brushing



- Children should spit out excess toothpaste
- Do not rinse after brushing

Varnish

- Apply every 3-6 months
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Mouth rinses.

gel, or foam

Not recommended

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